



AVELEY PRIMARY SCHOOL

An Independent Public School

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COVID-19: PARENT UPDATE (08.04.2020)

Dear Parents and Carers

We are very close to the end of Term One 2020, a school term that is unlikely to be replicated again. We acknowledge that all of our worlds look incredibly different to what they did only a couple of months ago and we understand the personal and professional challenges that have been endured and those that you will likely need to continue to face for some time into the future.

As we move into Term Two, I am able to share with you what the new term may look like from the Department of Education's perspective. '

All public schools will remain open. Parents are encouraged to keep their children at home. Those who need to send their children to school to maintain employment, children of essential workers and those who require schools to support them overcome particular vulnerabilities, however, may choose to send their children. To ensure that all students' needs are met, staff will be present on school sites.'

All students will be taught, those attending schools and those learning at home. Students' wellbeing remains a priority, notably for our most vulnerable children.

Therefore, from our school's perspective, we expect that our school will operate similarly to as it did last week (Term 1, Week 9), except that our *Learning from Home* structure will be more formalised and linked to Term Two school planning.

For the families taking on formalised online learning, learning activities will be available to families from approximately 9am on the first day back next term, Tuesday 28 April. These will be available through the online platform, *Connect*.

For families who require printed materials to access the curriculum, the first week's activities will be available to pick up from the front office from 9am on the first day back next term, Tuesday 28 April. We are currently working through the logistics of the most effective way to get these materials between home and school. We are reassessing if using the post is the most effective way. This information will be communicated soon.

Further to the expression of interest from families for the possible use of school devices at home, we are still collating the interest and considering the criteria for distribution. Families will be notified early next term if your expression of interest was successful.

We understand that some families may be feeling a little overwhelmed with the rapid-fire and ongoing communication from school to you. Please consider that we have rolled out this new approach to learning in a couple of weeks when, if things were different, we would have taken around six months. As a reminder, please do not let this be a burden on you.

Our advice is to take small steps and ensure that you communicate with teachers and/or a member of our Administration Team (on 6296 5466 or at Aveley.PS@education.wa.edu.au) if any clarification is required.

This new *Learning from Home* requirement has also presented some challenges to us at school. We have worked hard as a team to problem solve IT and curriculum delivery issues as they arise and acknowledge that this is something we will need to continue to do. We stay strong to the mandate that you learn by making mistakes ... you don't learn if you get everything right in the first instance. We promise to be patient with you and ask that you do the same with us.

We remind families to consider your children's wellbeing, including the need for supervision when using the internet and associated devices, particularly at this time when staying at home is a priority. The eSafety Commissioner has a range of helpful information here <https://www.esafety.gov.au/parents>. We would encourage you to visit this site.

We need to continue to embrace the uncertainty of what lies ahead. To do this, we need to continue to be agile & flexible and we need to do this together as a community.

If you have any feedback, concerns or the need for clarification, please don't hesitate to contact the school on 6296 5466 or at Aveley.PS@education.wa.edu.au.

This is the final Parent Update for this term. We wish you well.

Kind regards

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